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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/OSA

SUBJECT: Study Concerning Impact of
Surfacing OXCART

1. It is my understanding that you are involved in a study on the possible impact of surfacing the OXCART vehicle. In this respect, a recent cable to Kelly asked for opinions on the ability of the press to estimate the speed envelope from its physical/photographic characteristics.

2. I am sure you are equally as interested in maintaining cover of the AR aspects of this vehicle. I would suggest that similar studies also be accomplished as to what can be deduced from (a) our interest in, and (b) our success in accomplishing AR protection. Such items as the sawtooth configuration, chine design, and slant tail design must appear curious to some of the technical press.

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